## MONTGOMERY COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION STAFF REPORT

Address: 7125 Poplar Avenue, Takoma Park Meeting Date: 11/16/2022

**Resource:** Contributing Resource **Report Date:** 11/09/2022

**Takoma Park Historic District** 

**Applicant:** Reuven Sussman (Ligia Panzarotto, Agent) **Public Notice:** 11/02/2022

**Review:** HAWP **Tax Credit:** n/a

Permit No.: 1009727 Staff: Rebeccah Ballo

**Proposal:** Construction of a new shed.

#### **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends the HPC approve the HAWP application.

#### **ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION**

SIGNIFICANCE: Contributing Resource to the Takoma Park Historic District

STYLE: Colonial Revival

DATE: c.1920s



Figure 1: The subject property, shown with the yellow star, is located to the east of the intersection of Poplar Avenue and Columbia Avenue.

#### **PROPOSAL**

The applicant proposes to construct a new wood shed on an existing concrete pad in the backyard. As this property is a corner lot, the shed will be visible from the public right of way and does not qualify for a staff-approved HAWP.

#### **APPLICABLE GUIDELINES**

#### Takoma Park Historic District Guidelines

There are two very general, broad planning and design concepts which apply to all categories. These are:

- The design review emphasis will be restricted to changes that are all visible from the public rightof-way, irrespective of landscaping or vegetation (it is expected that the majority of new additions will be reviewed for their impact on the overall district), and
- The importance of assuring that additions and other changes to existing structures act to reinforce and continue existing streetscape, landscape, and building patterns rather than to impair the character of the historic district.

The subject property is classified as a Contributing Resource. The *Design Guidelines* state that Contributing Resources are:

"A resource which contributes to the overall character of the district and its street-scape, but which is of secondary architectural and historical significance. A resource may be classified as contributing if it is a common or ubiquitous example of an architectural style that is important to the historic district, or if it was an outstanding resource that, while still identifiable as a specific architectural style, has lost some degree of its architectural integrity due to alterations. Contributing resources add to the overall streetscape due to their size, scale, and architectural character....Contributing Resources should receive a more lenient level of design review than those structures that have been classified as Outstanding. This design review should emphasize the importance of the resource to the overall streetscape and its compatibility with existing patterns rather than focusing on a close scrutiny of architectural detailing. In general, however, changes to Contributing Resources should respect the predominant architectural style of the resource. As stated above, the design review emphasis will be restricted to changes that are at all visible from the public right-of way, irrespective of landscaping or vegetation (it is expected that the majority of new additions will be reviewed for their impact on the overall district).

Specifically, some of the factors to be considered in reviewing HAWPs on Contributing Resources include the following:

- All exterior alterations, including those to architectural features and details, should be
  generally consistent with the predominant architectural style and period of the resource
  and should preserve the predominant architectural features of the resource; exact
  replication of existing details and features is, however, not required.
- Minor alterations to areas that do not directly front on a public right-of-way such as
  vents, metal stovepipes, air conditioners, fences, skylights, etc. should be allowed as a
  matter of course; alterations to areas that do not directly front on a public right-of-way
  which involve the replacement of or damage to original ornamental or architectural
  features are discouraged but may be considered and approved on a case-by-case basis.
- Major additions should, where feasible, be placed to the rear of existing structures so that they are less visible from the public right-of-way; additions and alterations to the first floor at the front of a structure are discouraged but not automatically prohibited.

- While additions should be compatible, they are not required to be replicative of earlier architectural styles.
- Second story additions or expansions should be generally consistent with the predominant architectural style and period of the resource (although structures that have been historically single story can be expanded) and should be appropriate to the surrounding streetscape in terms of scale and massing.
- Original size and shape of window and door openings should be maintained, where feasible.
- Some non-original building materials may be acceptable on a case-by-case basis; artificial siding on areas visible from the public right-of-way is discouraged where such materials would replace or damage original building materials that are in good condition.
- Alterations to features that are not visible at all from the public right-of-way should be allowed as a matter of course.
- All changes and additions should respect existing environmental settings, landscaping, and patterns of open space.

#### Montgomery County Code; Chapter 24A-8

- (1) The proposal will not substantially alter the exterior features of an historic site or historic resource within an historic district; or
- (2) The proposal is compatible in character and nature with the historical, archeological, architectural or cultural features of the historic site or the historic district in which an historic resource is located and would not be detrimental thereto or to the achievement of the purposes of this chapter; or
- (3) The proposal would enhance or aid in the protection, preservation and public or private utilization of the historic site or historic resource located within an historic district in a manner compatible with the historical, archeological, architectural or cultural value of the historic site or historic district in which an historic resource is located; or
- (4) The proposal is necessary in order that unsafe conditions or health hazards be remedied; or
- (5) The proposal is necessary in order that the owner of the subject property not be deprived of reasonable use of the property or suffer undue hardship; or
- (6) In balancing the interests of the public in preserving the historic site or historic resource located within an historic district, with the interests of the public from the use and benefit of the alternative proposal, the general public welfare is better served by granting the permit.
- (d) In the case of an application for work on an historic resource located within an historic district, the commission shall be lenient in its judgment of plans for structures of little historical or design significance or for plans involving new construction, unless such plans would seriously impair the historic or architectural value of surrounding historic resources or would impair the character of the historic district. (Ord. No. 9-4, § 1; Ord. No. 11-59.)

#### Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation

The Secretary of the Interior defines rehabilitation as "the act or process of making possible a compatible use for a property through repair, alterations, and additions while preserving those portions or features, which convey its historical, cultural, or architectural values." The applicable *Standards* are as follows:

10. New additions and adjacent or related new construction shall be undertaken in such a manner that if removed in the future, the essential form and integrity of the historic property and its environment would be unimpaired.

#### **STAFF DISCUSSION**

The subject property is a two-story Colonial Revival style bungalow. The *Guidelines* further note that it is Sears Model "Crescent" house. There is one HAWP on file for this address for a fence that was approved in 2009.<sup>1</sup>



Figure 2: c.1990s image of the subject property, courtesy of M-NCPPC Historic Preservation Office.

The applicant is proposing to construct an 8' x 10' wooden shed at the terminus of the driveway off Columbia Avenue (northern side of the property as shown in the attached application site plan). There is an existing concrete pad in this area already, in approximately the same location as an old garage that was demolished before the establishment of the District. The 1959 Sanborn Map (see Figure 3 below) shows this garage.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> https://mcatlas.org/tiles/06\_HistoricPreservation\_PhotoArchives/Padlock/HAR60640010/Box085/37-03-09MM\_Takoma%20Park%20Historic%20District\_7125%20Poplar%20Ave\_10-09-2009.pdf

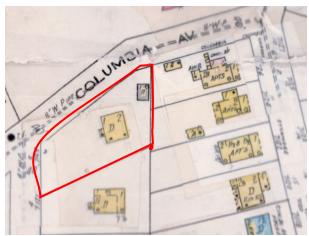


Figure 3: 1957 Sanborn Fire Insurance Map, courtesy of M-NCPPC Historic Preservation Office. 7125 Poplar Avenue is outlined in red. The former garage is shown in gray.

The new shed will be placed on this existing concrete pad and leveled out as appropriate. It will measure no higher than 9' in height. The shed will have an asphalt shingle roof, wood door and windows, and wood siding. It will be visible from Columbia Avenue and is appropriately located to the rear of the house off the existing driveway. The size, scale, and massing of the shed are appropriate for the site and District. The materials are likewise appropriate and are all wood and asphalt shingles. There will be no ground disturbance and no trees removed or impacted by this proposal.

Staff concludes that the construction of this new shed will have no impact and should be approved as a matter of course. Additionally, it can be easily removed in the future with no detrimental impact to the historic building or to the District.

#### STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Commission <u>approve</u> the HAWP application under the Criteria for Issuance in Chapter 24A-8(b)(1)(2), and (d), having found that the proposal will not substantially alter the exterior features of the historic resource and is compatible in character with the district and the purposes of Chapter 24A; that it meets the intent of the *Design Guidelines*,

and is compatible with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation #10;

and with the general condition that the applicant shall present an electronic set of drawings, if applicable, to Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) staff for review and stamping prior to submission for the Montgomery County Department of Permitting Services (DPS) building permits;

and with the general condition that final project design details, not specifically delineated by the Commission, shall be approved by HPC staff or brought back to the Commission as a revised HAWP application at staff's discretion;

and with the general condition that the applicant shall notify the Historic Preservation Staff if they propose to make **any alterations** to the approved plans. Once the work is completed the applicant will contact the staff person assigned to this application at 301-563-3404 or rebeccah.ballo@montgomeryplanning.org to schedule a follow-up site visit.



FOR STAFF ONLY:
HAWP#\_ 1009727
DATE ASSIGNED\_\_\_\_\_

**Date** 



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Is there an Historic Preservat map of the easement, and do Are other Planning and/or He	No/Individ ion/Land Trust/Environmental Ease ocumentation from the Easement H	s Required as part of this Application?
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Town/City:	Nearest Cross Street: _	
Lot: Block: _	Subdivision: P	Parcel:
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Signature of owner or authorized agent

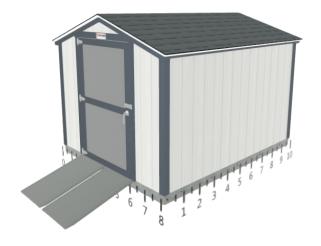
# HAWP APPLICATION: MAILING ADDRESSES FOR NOTIFING [Owner, Owner's Agent, Adjacent and Confronting Property Owners] Owner's mailing address Owner's Agent's mailing address Adjacent and confronting Property Owners mailing addresses

Description of Property: Please describe the building and surrounding environment. Include information on significant structures, landscape features, or other significant features of the property:
Description of Work Proposed: Please give an overview of the work to be undertaken:

Work Item 1:	
Description of Current Condition:	Proposed Work:
Work Item 2:	
Description of Current Condition:	Proposed Work:
Work Item 3:	
Description of Current Condition:	Proposed Work:

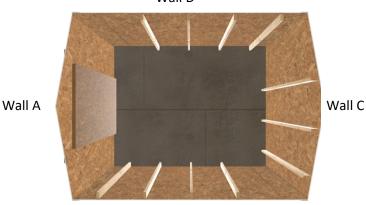
# HISTORIC AREA WORK PERMIT CHECKLIST OF APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

	Required Attachments						
Proposed Work	I. Written Description	2. Site Plan	3. Plans/ Elevations	4. Material Specifications	5. Photographs	6. Tree Survey	7. Property Owner Addresses
New Construction	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Additions/ Alterations	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Demolition	*	*	*		*		*
Deck/Porch	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Fence/Wall	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Driveway/ Parking Area	*	*		*	*	*	*
Grading/Exc avation/Land scaing	*	*		*	*	*	*
Tree Removal	*	*		*	*	*	*
Siding/ Roof Changes	*	*	*	*	*		*
Window/ Door Changes	*	*	*	*	*		*
Masonry Repair/ Repoint	*	*	*	*	*		*
Signs	*	*	*	*	*		*





Wall D



Wall B

#### **Base Details**

#### **Building Size & Style**

SR-600 - 8' wide by 10' long

#### Door

4' x 6'2" Single Shed Door, Left Hinge Placement, Security Package, Heavy Duty Ramp Pair

#### **Paint Selection**

Base: Delicate White, Trim: Goblin, Accent (Doors): Dover Gray

#### **Roof Selection**

Pewter Gray Dimensional Premium Shingle

#### Drip Edge

White

Is a permit required for this job?

Yes

Who is pulling the permit?

**Tuff Shed** 

#### **Options Details**

#### Special Instructions

Place the shed on an existing concrete slab. The slab is old and cracking but is flat and will support the shed

#### Windows

2'x2' Insulated Horizontal Sliding Window

#### Floor and Foundation

80 Sq Ft 3/4" Treated Floor Decking Upgrade

4 Ea Shed Anchor to Concrete - A24 & Wedge Anchor

#### Vents

16"x8" Wall Vent - White

#### Jobsite/Installer Details

Do you plan to insulate this building after Tuff Shed installs it?

Nο

Is there a power outlet within 100 feet of installation location?

Yes

The building location must be level to properly install the building. How level is the install location?

Within 4" of level

Will there be 18" of unobstructed workspace around the perimeter of all four walls?

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Can the installers park their pickup truck & trailer within approximately 200' of your installation site?
Yes

#### Substrate Shed will be installed on?

Anchored to Concrete with Shed Floor

DocuSigned by:

Signature:

Ruwen Sussman 6090B8872D9E4F4...

Date: 9/2

9/21/2022







Marc Elrich
County Executive

Mitra Pedoeem Director

#### HISTORIC AREA WORK PERMIT APPLICATION

Application Date: 10/12/2022

Application No: 1009727

AP Type: HISTORIC Customer No: 1428986

#### Affidavit Acknowledgement

The Contractor is the Primary applicant authorized by the property owner This application does not violate any covenants and deed restrictions

#### **Primary Applicant Information**

Address 7125 POPLAR AVE

TAKOMA PARK, MD 20912

Othercontact Tuff Shed Inc (Primary)

#### **Historic Area Work Permit Details**

Work Type CONST

Scope of Work To install a prefabricatted shed 8'x10'x Shed is 9' tall. No land will be disturbed, No greenery will be cut down.

- CONSUMER INFORMATION NOTES:

  1. This plan is a benefit to a consumer insofar as it is required by a lender or a title insurance company or its agent in connection with contemplated transfer, financing or re-financing.
- This plan is not to be relied upon for the establishment or location of fences, garages, buildings, or other existing or future improvements.
- This plan does not provide for the accurate identification of property boundary lines, but such identification
  may not be required for the transfer of title or securing financing or re-financing.
- 4. Building line and/or Flood Zone information is taken from available sources and is subject to interpretation of originator.
- 5. No Title Report furnished.

#### Notes:

1. Setback distances as shown to the principal structure from property lines are approximate. The level of accuracy for this drawing should be taken to be no greater than plus or minus 2 feet. No Property Corners found.

Fences, if shown, have been located by approximate methods. COLUMBIA AVENUE 3. Total area = 13,552 (per tax records) LOT 4 PART OF LOT 3 Shed PART OF 8'x10' LOT 2 LOT 5 Not tobe taller than 9' 150,28' (COMP.) LOT B REMAINDER LOT 3 N 17° W PART OF LOT1 REMAINDER LOT 2 REMAINDER LOT 1 AL RS

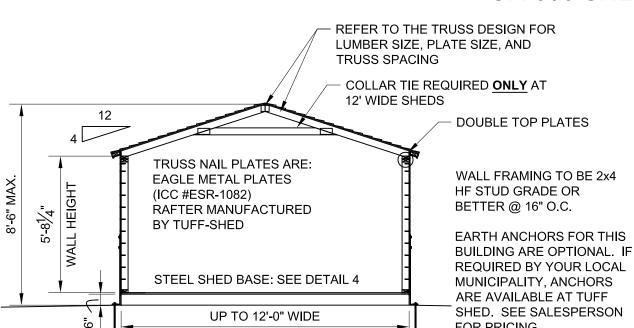
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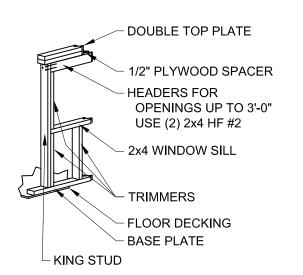
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## SR-600 SHED UP TO 12' WIDE x UP TO 24' LONG SUNDANCE SERIES



**BUILDING SECTION** 



SIDE WALL DOORS NOT AVAILABLE ON THIS MODEL

FOR PRICING.

### DOOR HEADER DETAIL FOR LOAD BEARING WALLS

- BUILDING CODE: 2018 IBC AND 2018 IRC
- **DESIGN LOADING:** WIND SPEED & EXPOSURE: 115C ROOF LIVE LOAD: 40 PSF **ROOF DEAD LOAD: 10 PSF**
- FOR SHEDS WHICH OTHERWISE MEET THE PRESCRIPTIVE REQUIREMENTS OF THE 2018 IBC AND 2018 IRC ALL SHEDS CONSTRUCTED ACCORDING TO STANDARD CONVENTIONAL CONSTRUCTION METHODS.

#### **NAILING:**

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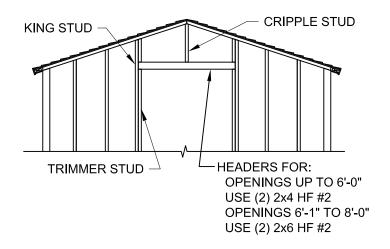
ATTACH 7/16" OSB SHEATHING TO TRUSSES WITH: 8d NAILS @ 6" O.C. AT EDGES 8d NAILS @ 12" O.C. IN FIELD

#### WALLS:

ATTACH 3/8" SMARTSIDE TO WALL FRAMING WITH: 8d NAILS @ 6" O.C. AT EDGES. 8d NAILS @ 12" O.C. IN FIELD

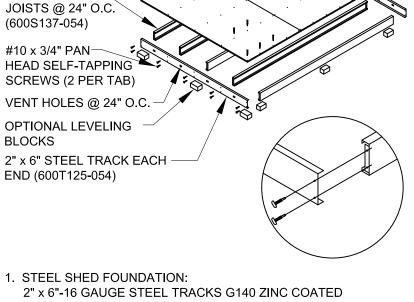
#### HEADER:

ATTACH HEADER TO STUD WITH: 4-8d TOENAIL OR 4-16d END NAIL DOUBLED HEADER-16d @ 16" STAGGERED FACE NAIL



HEADER DETAIL FOR NON-

LOAD BEARING WALLS



#8 x 3" FLAT HEAD **SELF-TAPPING SCREWS** 

SPACED @ 24" O.C.

3/4" APA OR TECO

FLOOR DECKING

**RATED T&G** 

2" x 6" STEEL

- 2" x 6"-16 GAUGE STEEL JOISTS G140 ZINC COATED @ 24" O.C. (SUPPLIER: ALLIED STUDCO (JOIST: 600S137-054 / TRACK: 600T125-054) ICC ER-4943P.
- 2. 3/4" APA OR TECO RATED TONGUE AND GROOVE FLOOR DECKING. 24" MAX PANEL SPAN. STAGGER PANEL LAYOUT.
- 3. FASTEN FLOOR DECKING TO JOIST & TRACKS USING #8 x 1-5/8" MINIMUM LONG SELF-DRILLING SCREWS @ 12" O.C. NO BLOCKING REQUIRED. ALL EDGES SHALL LIE ON FLOOR JOISTS. STAGGER PANEL LAYOUT PER APA CONDITION 1.
- 4. FASTEN SOLE PLATE THROUGH FLOOR DECKING INTO JOISTS OR TRACKS WITH #8 x 3" GALVANIZED SELF-DRILLING SCREWS @ 24" O.C.
- 5. ALLOWABLE FLOOR LIVE LOAD: 75 PSF FOR STEEL JOISTS CONTINUOUSLY SUPPORTED. 50 PSF FOR JOISTS ON BLOCKS AS SHOWN
- 6. USE OPTIONAL CONCRETE BLOCKS AS REQUIRED TO LEVEL BUILDING:

SUGGESTED SIZES: 2" x 8" x 16". 4" x 8" x 16". OR 8" x 8" x 16". BLOCKS UNDER JOISTS SPACED @ 8'-0" O.C. MAXIMUM. BLOCKS UNDER TRACK SPACED @ 4'-0" O.C. MAXIMUM.



# Order #.

FOR WINDOW OPENINGS UP

WINDOW HEADER DETAIL

FOR LOAD BEARING WALLS

TO 3'-0" ON SUNDANCE

SERIES SIDE WALLS

00882961 Customer: Reuven Sussman Storage Buildings & Garages Site Address. TUFF SHED, INC. 7125 Poplar Avenue Takoma Park MD 20912 Building Size:width-length-height-sq.ft.ari 8'x10'x8'6" 80 saft

P.O. # Drawn By: SJ Date: 2/28/19 Checked By: | D 10/01/2022 Date:

Scale: N.T.S.

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**BUILDING SECTIONS** SHED BASE DETAILS

HEADER FRAMING DETAILS

NOTES - 2018 IBC & IRC - 1150

DRAWING NO. SR600-01

**REV. LEVEL** 01

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From: <u>Ligia Panzarotto</u>
To: <u>Ballo, Rebeccah</u>

**Subject:** RE: 7125 Poplar Avenue, Takoma Park HAWP#1009727

**Date:** Monday, October 31, 2022 9:44:28 AM

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Good afternoon Rebeccah,

Yes, Mr. Sussman will be getting Smart-siding. It is wood siding. Let me know if you need more information.

Thanks for all,

Ligia.

From: Ballo, Rebeccah <rebeccah.ballo@montgomeryplanning.org>

Sent: Friday, October 28, 2022 5:58 PM

**To:** Ligia Panzarotto <LPanzarotto@tuffshed.com>

**Subject:** 7125 Poplar Avenue, Takoma Park HAWP#1009727

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Good afternoon,

Thank you for submitting your HAWP application. We have placed this case on the HPC agenda for November 16<sup>th</sup>, pending receipt of some additional items.

Can you please send me the following information by Wednesday morning (11/2):

• Confirmation in writing (email is fine) that the exterior siding is wood. It is difficult to tell if the current note in the Proposed Work section stating "Wood frame and siding" extends to the specifications for this particular shed as that note does not appear elsewhere on the spec sheets. Please confirm.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out. Staff reports post 1 week before the hearing date and I will send you the link when it is ready. I will discuss meeting procedures for the HPC at that time as well.

Thank you very much and have a good weekend.



#### **Rebeccah Ballo**

#### **Historic Preservation Supervisor**

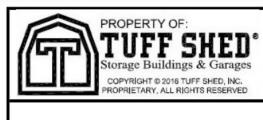
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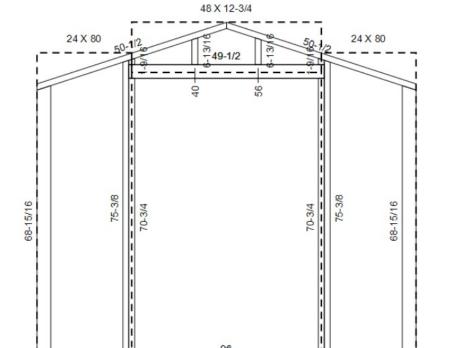


8' X 10' Roof Pitch: 4/12 Customer: Reuven Sussman

SR-600

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2x4 x 75 3/4"	(2) 75-3/8 X 18° /
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Siding Stock Cut

(2) 80 X 24 Smartside 4x7' Smartside 4x6' (1) 12-3/4 X 48 7/16" OSB 4X8 (1) 49-1/2 X 3-1/2